



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masaru KATO *et al.*

Title: NOVEL TRANSFERASE AND AMYLASE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ENZYMES, USE THEREOF, AND GENE CODING FOR THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2002 regarding the above-identified application. Enclosed with this amendment a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time to extend the time to respond to January 24, 2003. If the Petition is absent, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 from Account No. 19-0741.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph on page 23, lines 20-24 and replace it with the following paragraph:

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Fig. 31 is an illustration showing the homology between the amino acid sequence of the novel transferase derived from the *Sulfolobus solfataricus* strain KM1 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and that derived from the *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius* strain ATCC 33909 (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Please delete the paragraph on page 23, lines 25-29 and replace it with the following paragraph: